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| In re application of:<br>T. Paul GASKE et al.   | Art Unit: 2136   |
| Serial No: 09/699,650   | Examiner: Sara E. BOWES  |
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| Title: Method and Apparatus for Background Caching of Encrypted Programming Data for Later Playback |  |

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Introductory Comments:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 2/19/2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

Favorable consideration of the remarks provided herein are respectfully requested.